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13.	Akot	-D-
14.	Balapur	-Do-
15.	Jalagaon (Jamod)	Buldhana
16.	Khamgaon	-Do-
17.	Malkapur	-Do-
18.	Mehkar	-Do-
19.	Igatpuri	Nasik
20.	Chalisgaon	Jalagaon
21.	Jalgaon	-Do-
22.	Jamner	-Do-
23.	Shirala	Latur

Development of tourist spots in the Himalayan Belt

1408. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that disturbances in Darjeeling has affected the normal tourist traffic to this place; and

(b) whether the Department of Tourism propose to develop more tourist spots in the Himalayan Belt and also in eastern coastal areas so as to attract foreign and Indian tourists to these places?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) No statistics on the movement of domestic and foreign tourists to Darjeeling are available with the Government to determine the trend of tourist traffic to this place.

(b) Tourist spots in the Himalayan Belt as well as Eastern Coastal area, feature prominently in the developmental plans of the Ministry of Tourism.

Improvements in taxation laws

1909. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to complicated laws, tax evasion in the country persists;

(b) if so, whether several eminent taxation experts have urged Government to have simpler laws and procedures which will secure greater cooperation from the tax payers; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) A complex tax structure is one of the reasons for tax avoidance. Experts have suggested that the direct tax laws and procedures should be simplified to promote better tax compliance. The simplification of the direct tax laws and procedures has been engaging the Government's attention. This is a continuous process and certain legislative and administrative measures have been taken in this regard in the past. Other appropriate legislative measures in this direction are expected to be sponsored through a Comprehensive Taxation Laws Amendment Bill proposed to be introduced in Parliament shortly.

Introduction of new schemes by LIC

1410. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has announced new life insurance schemes to be introduced this year;

(b) if so what are the details in this regard; and

(c) to what extent the poor people in the country will be benefited by these new schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) In pursuance of the Budget announcement made for the year 1986-87, the Life Insurance Corporation of India has introduced a Group Insurance Scheme for railway porters and municipal sweepers. The Scheme, which is operated through Workers' Unions, provides insurance cover of

Rs. 5,000/- payable on death of the member and and additional amount of Rs. 5,000/- if death occurs due to accident within 90 days of its occurrence. Yearly premium under the scheme is Rs. 48.75 inclusive of premium for the double accident benefit.

Under individual assurance business, LIC has introduced three new plans with effect from 1st September, 1986, viz.; Bhavishya Jeevan Beema Sandesh and 25 year-Term New Money Back Plan.

Bhavishya Jeevan has been specially designed for professionals and expartirates whose earning period is short but, during this period, their earnings are high. The Plan is so structured that the premium under the Plan during the first five years are three times the premiums during the remaining term. Beema Sandesh is a form of temporary assurance policy providing death benefit at cheapter rates. In case the policy holder survives the term of the Plan, the premiums paid for death benefit are returned to him. The New Money Back Plan provides for payment of instalments of 15 per cent each of the sum assured at regular intervals of five years for the first 20 years and balance 40 per cent at the end of the full term of 25 years The death benefit under the Plan is equivalent to the basic sum-assured irrespective of the number of instalments paid earlier and the bonuses are also calculated on the full basic sum assured.

The Group Insurance Scheme, as above, is specially designed for the benefit of the poor and weaker sections of society. The poor people will also stand to benefit under the Money Back Plan by availing payment of sum assured in instalments at regular intervals as also by the Beema Sandesh Scheme which provides death benefit at cheapter rates.

Setting up of an Overseas Indian Investment Corporation for non-resident Indians

1411. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ensure single window clearance to Non-Resident Indians (NRI) for all matters by constituting an Overseas Indian Investment Corporation; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Special Approvals Committee constituted in the Department of Industrial Development provides Single Window Clearance for licence, capital goods import and foreign collaboration to industrial proposals received from Non-Resident Indians. There is no move at present to constitute an Overseas Indian Investment Corporation as there already exists the Indian Investment Centre which works as a promotional Agency for foreign non-residents investment, joint ventures etc.

Raids on smugglers premises

1412. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted raids during the last two months on the houses and business premises of the alleged smugglers in the country; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The total number of raids/searches conducted by the Customs authorities including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence under the Customs Act, 1962 against open display and sale of smuggled goods and in connection with smuggling actvities throughout the country during August and September, 1986 the value of the goods seized as a result thereof is given below: